

Civil Air Patrol Appoints New Chief of Chaplains

Biography

Chaplain (Colonel) Whit Woodard, CAP National Chief of Chaplain Service

Chaplain (Colonel) Whit Woodard began his CAP career as a Cadet in the Florida Wing in 1954 prior to active duty service in the United States Air Force. In 1967, as a senior member, he was appointed to the Chaplain Service, serving as both a unit and group chaplain before a break in service in 1973. He returned to the USAF Auxiliary chaplaincy in 1996 as unit chaplain at Auburn Composite Squadron 92 in the California Wing. Whit is endorsed by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. While assigned in Auburn, Woodard was appointed chaplain for Gold Country Group 25 (later NorCal Group 5) in addition to other duties. In March, 1998 his roles were reversed following a transfer to Group staff while he continued to serve Squadron 92 (IAOD). Whit served as a Cadet Encampment Chaplain in both California and Nevada wings. In October, 2000 he was named Deputy Pacific Region Chaplain and assumed the duties of Region Chaplain in July of 2004. In 2001, he was appointed to the Council of Special Assistants to the National Chief of Chaplain Service, with the responsibility of developing curriculum for Region Chaplain Service Staff Colleges. He was appointed National Chief of Chaplain Service 1 October 2008. For several years, Woodard has been the California Wing Liaison Officer for chaplain assistance to active duty chaplains at Travis AFB and has been cited by the Air Force for his participation in Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as chaplain for Company



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A, 328th Combat Support Hospital, an Army Active Reserve unit, when their assigned chaplain was deployed to Germany. Subsequently, he was tasked to provide chaplain services for the Army Signal Corps High Tech Training Facility in Sacramento. Chaplain Woodard has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies; a Master of Divinity degree; and Doctor of Ministry degree. He holds the Master Chaplain specialty rating and current qualification as Mission Chaplain, and General Emergency Services. He has completed the entire senior member training track through Level V. In 1999, Chaplain Woodard developed and taught the *Mission Chaplain Course*. In July of 1999, he presented the course at the CAP National Board Meeting in Denver, CO. In that same year he was appointed to chair a committee to make recommendations to Pacific Region with regard to the chaplain's role in emergency services. Woodard brings to the CAP emergency services mission over twelve years of experience as a law enforcement chaplain, Senior Chaplain, Training Officer and Administrator. He has earned the prestigious Master Chaplain diploma from the International Conference of Police Chaplains. His doctoral dissertation addressed concerns confronting chaplaincy, offering insight in often challenging areas including chaplain qualifications, pluralism, prayer and proselytism.

In 2002, the Military Chaplains Association of the USA honored Whit with the Distinguished Service Award. Subsequently, he was elected to the national Executive Committee and served the maximum 3 year term. He is Vice President of the Northern California Chapter of MCA, and an active member of the Air Force Association. Chaplain Woodard's CAP decorations include the Gill Robb Wilson Award, two Exceptional Service Awards, three Meritorious Service Awards, three Commander's Commendations, the Paul E. Garber Award, the Grover Loening Award, the Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award, Leadership Ribbon with a Silver Star, the Red Service Ribbon, and Encampment Ribbon. In 2003, he was cited as the Senior Chaplain of the Year for Civil Air Patrol. Whit holds Basic and Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management certification through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and is an approved instructor for the *Pastoral Crisis Intervention* and *CISM: Individual and Peer Support* (Assisting Individuals in Crisis) courses providing ICISF certification. He served as coordinator for the Placer County, California Critical Incident Stress Management team.

Whit is married to Capt. Nancy Woodard, who is assigned as a Character Development Instructor and Public Affairs Officer. Two sons are career military, a MSgt. in the Air Force and a Major in the Army.

Current as of October, 2008.

“A Newbie's Joy”

There are times when being in CAP is downright awesome. One of those times is when you have the opportunity to help a new member get started on the CAP road. Not long ago I came out of staff meeting and met Alex Gogetum. Alex had just gotten his membership card and was ready to get started.

“Lt. Aters I would like you to meet Alex” Lt. Sally Getalong, the personnel officer said.

“Very pleased to meet you”, I replied

“Alex has just gotten his membership card and would like someone to tell him how to get started. Could you do that Lt. Ater?”

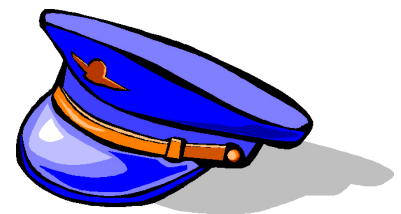
“Certainly”, I replied.

“What can I do to get started on training? I want to get going” Alex said.

“Well let's start with getting you into the schedule for level one and to get your GES form 116. Let me introduce you to Capt. Ken Upright, the professional development officer, and Maj. Sam Findum, the Emergency Services Officer, Mr. Gogetum.”

“Great!”

It was exciting to watch as Alex got on the schedule to get his level one and his CPPT. It was



like watching a new kindergarten student starting class. Full of excitement and wonder at the new realm of learning they are entering, and before any disillusionment sets in. The excitement continued as Alex was shown the website and online test to get his form 116 so he could start ES training.

After the training was scheduled Alex asked, “How do I get my uniform?”

“Let’s visit Capt. Joe Scavenger, the supply officer and see if we have any uniforms in your size. If we do he can check it out to you. It will save you a lot of money if we do.”

Alex was like a child in a candy store. Alex was an average size so we were able to outfit him with a complete set of BDU’s and most of a set of Blues.

As the meeting ended and we all started for home I couldn’t help but think about Alex and his enthusiasm. Each of us was once like Alex. Excited to have joined a unique organization that combines the love of aviation, the love of country and the privilege of service to our community. Few of us remain this excited. The routine sets in, disappointments happen, and our enthusiasm wanes. Then Esprit de Corps and unit effectiveness suffers. Wouldn’t it be nice to rekindle the enthusiasm of a newbie in all of us old salts? The value of hard earned experience combined with great enthusiasm is a sure recipe for success. Recruiting is one way to spark that fire anew. You can’t share the great values of CAP and be around newbies without catching some of the fire. Perhaps finding a new specialty track to add to the one or more that you now have can bring excitement of new things and opportunities. Thanks Alex for stirring up the smoldering coals of my CAP fire. Isn’t CAP great?

All names and situations are fiction and any resemblance to anyone living or dead is purely coincidental.

by Lt. A. V. Aters

Schedule of Events



KS WG 2009 Training Calendar

January 2009

17 Commander’s Call/MBS Training/ICS 300
Supply Officers Meeting
Quarterly Comm Meeting
Non-Discrimination Policy Brief (during staff meeting)

DDR Brief

18 MBS Training Cont’d. – Salina; AOBD, PSC

February 2009

14 Flight Clinic (Topeka)
21 Commander’s Call/MBS Training
IT Officers, Legal Officers
Website Committee
Insurance Coverage (during staff meeting)

22 MBS Training Cont’d. - Salina

March 2009

14 CLC (Junction City)
21 Commander’s Call/MBS Training

Finance Committee Meeting

22 MBS Training Cont’d - Salina

27-29 KESA - JC

Chaplain and Safety Officer Training

April 2009

4-5 Unit Commanders Course - Salina

18 Commander’s Call/MBS Training/MO Refresher (Kiosks)

Professional Development Officers/Testing Officers

Quarterly Communication Officer’s Meeting

19 MBS Training Cont’d - Salina

25-26 SAREX (Lenexa/Gardner)

May 2009

2-3 Scanner/Observer/CRM Training

9 SLS (Lawrence)

23 Wing Conference (Salina)

AE Officers

Website Committee

June 2009

13-14 SAREX Eval (Kingman)

20-21 Commander's Call

Finance Committee

Operations/ES/DR/HLS Officer Meeting

27-28 SAREX (backup dates)

July 2009

NOTHING – 2010 ES Training Calendar Due
WMIRS

August 2009

15 Commander's Call

Cadet Program's Officer Meeting

Website Committee Meeting

Extreme Sports Activity in Junction City

September 2009

12-13 Aircrew Proficiency Training

19 Commander's Call

Safety Officers Meeting (ORM Brief during
staff meeting)

Finance Committee Meeting

Finance Officers Meeting

October 2009

Red Ribbon Month

Safety Down Day

Chaplain's Meeting

Quarterly Communication Meeting

November 2009

Communication's Meeting

Website Committee

December 2009

PAO Meeting

Historian Meeting

Finance Committee Meeting

Awards Committee Meeting

Encampment



My View of Things

News Years Day is a milestone. The day we say goodbye to a completed year and hello to a new year of promise. When we say goodbye, it is good to honestly look at what has been accomplished or not accomplished. What has been done well and what has been done poorly.

As I look back on 2008 and the KSWG chaplains first and foremost I wish to say thank you to Chaplain Wolesky for his integrity, kindness and wholehearted service to CAP. A great thank you also goes out to all of you, the chaplains of KSWG.

Without you there would have been no ministry. But what next, what does 2009 bring? There are areas that we must improve on. We must become better reporters of all that we do. Not only is national expecting this but, reporting has always been the rule. As chaplains we should set the standard. We must also set our sights on what can be done in our CAP ministry. What ministry goals are you setting for 2009? Let us never forget that we are first and foremost ministers. Whatever our faith group we have all been commissioned to serve our God as ministers. It is so easy to get caught up in all the good programs CAP has and loose track of why we are here. Let us all strive to increase our ministry in CAP. We may not get paid by CAP, but never forget that as ministers we do have a Lord who has sent us and pays us.

In that regard let me share one great goal I have for KSWG chaplains in 2009. Today we only have two mission chaplains. This is a number that will not allow us to have an effective ministry at any major disaster or emergency. We have ten chaplains in Kansas; lets have six of those qualified as mission chaplains. It can be done. March is as opportunity with mission chaplain training at KESA. Let me see you there. Call me at any time and I will do all I can to get you going. Semper Vigilans.

Chap Randolph Colby

**But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the
LORD. Ps 115:18**